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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1266

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 24, 2008

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Eligibility Criteria for Medicaid waiver.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Klinker

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) to seek an amendment to the Developmental Disabilities waiver to set priorities in providing services.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill would require OMPP to prioritize individuals in certain situations to receive home and community-based services within the Medicaid Developmental Disabilities waiver.

The waiver application process is not without opportunity costs. Waiver applications are generally developed and submitted by the existing staff in OMPP. Applications must be developed and adequately justified. If the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have questions or request additional information, staff must be available to respond within specified time lines or the request is considered expired.

Background Information: Each year the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDARS) reserves a specific number of priority waiver slots that are available for use by individuals who may not be first on the waiting list, but are in emergency situations that require they receive services immediately. Similar to the provisions of the bill, priority situations included in the current waiver policy manual include death or long-term institutionalization of the primary caregiver, aging out of placements for juveniles, and loss of certain other placements.

DDARS reports show 6,004 filled Developmental Disabilities waiver placements with 15,296 individuals

on the waiver waiting list for the first quarter of FY 2008.

Medicaid is a jointly funded state and federal program. Funding for direct services is reimbursed at approximately 62% by the federal government, while the state share is about 38%. Funding for administrative services is typically shared 50/50.

Explanation of State Revenues: See *Explanation of State Expenditures* regarding federal reimbursement in the Medicaid Program.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DDARS, Family and Social Services Administration.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: *FSSA Policy Manual for the Home and Community Based Services Waiver for Persons with Development Disabilities*, Revised June 2002, at: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/6253.htm>.

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